

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation revises the distribution from the Highway Distribution Account (HDA) to provide a larger share of that distribution to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). This will provide approximately \$16.9 million in additional revenue each year to ITD by FY2014. Under this legislation, over a period of four years, the current distribution to the Idaho State Police (ISP) is eliminated. However, this legislation provides a distribution to ISP from the Highway Distribution Account in each of those four years, beginning with \$12 million in FY2010, and then declining by \$3 million each fiscal year until FY2013. For FY2014, there will be no distribution from the Highway Distribution Account to the ISP. This legislation, however, also includes language that it is the intent of the Legislature to make up this reduction in funding to ISP by providing an annual appropriation from the General Fund to ISP so that ISP will receive approximately the same amount as it received from the HDA in FY2009. The intent of this legislation is two-fold: 1) it is to provide additional resources for transportation efforts by increasing the revenue to the Idaho Transportation Department; and 2) it is to hold ISP harmless from this change in distribution from the HDA by urging the Legislature to provide an annual General Fund appropriation to ISP.

FISCAL NOTE

By revising the distribution from the Highway Distribution Account, this legislation will provide, through a phased-in approach, about \$16.9 million each year in dedicated funds to the Idaho Transportation Department by FY2014. There will be a corresponding reduction each year in distributions to the ISP from the Highway Distribution Account. The legislation provides Legislative intent that this reduction to ISP will be offset by an annual appropriation from the General Fund to the ISP.

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